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### **MOTHER WHO USED CHILDREN TO SMUGGLE METH SENTENCED TO 78 MONTHS IN PRISON**

TUCSON, Ariz. –The U.S. Attorney's Office here announced that on February 9, 2005, Ana Rosura Leal-Escalante, 30, of Sinaloa, Mexico, was sentenced to 78 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata.

Ana Rosura Leal-Escalante had pleaded guilty on October 29, 2004 to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. She had entered the U.S. on April 22, 2004 and applied for admission with her three children in Nogales, Ariz. Inspectors noticed her children walking strangely which prompted a search of Leal-Escalante and all three children. The search revealed the presence of one package on the defendant, two packages each on her two daughters and three packages on her son, ages 7-12. The substance inside the eight packages tested positive for methamphetamine. When interviewed, the defendant stated that she did not know what was in the packages, but knew it was something illegal.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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